



Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Coordinating Council¹ Update

District: CUMBERLAND	Date: 03/18/10						
<p>Brief review of decisions and outcomes from DCC meetings held since last SCC meeting (please attach agendas):</p> <p>The Council met on January 15, 2010. The meeting agenda included three organization briefs from Council Members, a report to the Council on the events of the 12/10 SCC meeting, a financial report, a H1N1 update from the H1N1 Taskforce, Council by-laws amendments, a progress report from the Healthy Cumberland subcommittee, an update from the Membership Committee, and a discussion of medication collections and LD 821.</p> <p>March 19th Council Meeting will consist of our District Health Forum (preceded by district H1N1 Debrief Session) (next full Council meeting is May 21)</p>							
<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</p> <p>Executive Committee is working on strengthening the 6 standing committees, clarifying their charges:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Membership</td><td>Health Data</td></tr> <tr> <td>Advocacy</td><td>Healthy Cumberland</td></tr> <tr> <td>Communications</td><td>Fundraising</td></tr> </table> <p>The Executive Committee reviewed draft documentation for each committee's charge. The Cumberland H1N1 Leadership Team submitted a proposal to the Executive Committee to form a Public Health Preparedness Committee, which was accepted. That committee will be starting this spring.</p> <p>Membership Committee continues to assess the representativeness of DCC's membership, identify vacancies and make recommendations to ensure broad representation in both the membership and committees.</p>		Membership	Health Data	Advocacy	Healthy Cumberland	Communications	Fundraising
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<p>Status of Local Public Health System Assessment:</p> <p>Waiting for final report from Maine Center for Public Health and for District Health Improvement Plan before determining next steps.</p>							
<p>Organizations represented at meeting(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CarePartners/MedAccess • Catholic Charities • City of Portland. Health and Human Services, Public Health Division • Community Counseling Center • Cumberland County • Cumberland County Emergency Managements Agency • Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District • Family Crisis Services • Greater Portland Council of Governments • Home Health Visiting Nurses • Local Health Officers • Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 							



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- MaineHealth
- Maine State Legislative Representative (Portland)
- Mercy Health System
- Municipalities
- Northern New England Poison Center
- People's Regional Opportunity Program
- Planned Parenthood of Northern New England
- Portland Water District
- Southern Maine Agency on Aging
- Southern Maine Regional Resource Center
- St. Joseph's College
- University of New England
- University of Southern Maine, Muskie School of Public Service
- VNA Home Health and Hospice
- Westbrook School Health Program
- Woodfords Family Services

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

H1N1 Leadership Team – shared leadership between MCDC, Cumberland County EMA, and Southern Maine Regional Resource Center with key partners in City of Portland/Portland Public Health, VNA Home Health & Hospice (Mercy) and Home Health Visiting Nurses (all members of the DCC). Vaccine Coordinator/District Liaison ensure communication link between larger DCC and H1N1 Leadership Team. This Leadership Team is now in the process of evolving and expanding into a new Public Health Preparedness Committee of the Council.

Medication Collection initiative – The medication collection planning committee has reconvened to prepare for a spring collection–most likely in June. The committee will be exploring multiple collection sites across the District.

Issues or topics to be addressed by SCC:

Interest in carving out time in SCC for discussion about big picture progress DCC's are making in terms of strengthening Maine's public health infrastructure – understand challenges & strategize collectively, share bylaws, etc.

Other district issues (external to the DCC) that impact public health

¹Sec. 5. 22 MRSA c. 152

A district coordinating council for public health shall:

1. Participate as appropriate in district-level activities to help ensure the state public health system in each district is ready and maintained for accreditation;
2. Provide a mechanism for district-wide input to the state health plan under Title 2, section 103;
3. Ensure that the goals and strategies of the state health plan are addressed in the district; and
4. Ensure that the essential public health services and resources are provided for in each district in the most efficient, effective and evidence-based manner possible.